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ACOUSTIC SENSOR STAVE : Confirm. No.: 7325

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This "Preliminary Amendment" and the accompanying "Response to Restriction Requirement" are responsive to the Office action mail-dated 21 April 2006.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.115 and 37 CFR 1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims.....pages 2-9  
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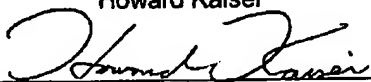
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